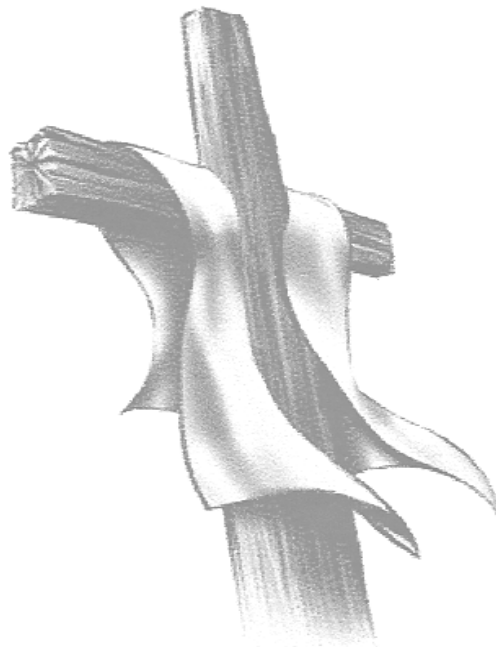

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Month In Review



Well, it only took me about two months, hours of talking to God, and talking to several members of the prayer room staff and FSM staff to help me finally make a decision between going to school at FSM or joining the night watch/Fire in the Night staff. When I first began to talk to the Lord about making this decision, I have felt this whole time that He was telling me to make the decision. He has told me to do what I want to do, to do what would make my heart happy. The hard yet difficult part to making this decision is that both lead me to where I want to go in God. Both paths include six to eight hours of prayer, four to six hours of study in the Word, and some sort of ministering to others. I have made positive and negative charts, used all the wisdom that the good Lord has given, leaned one way for two months, and finally leaned the other way for a final decision. One way had way more positive sides to it (i.e. promotion, leadership, and immediate ministry position) and had a pretty major financial benefit to it also. But at the end of the day, the question was not what is the wisest thing I could do or the most impacting thing I could do or the most rewarding thing I could do. The real question the Lord was asking me is, "WHAT WOULD MAKE MY HEART THE HAPPIEST for the next four to five years?" The answer to that question is to give myself to the Word of God and to prayer. So I have chosen to go to FSM. I have chosen to go to school for the next four years and pursue a diploma in Apostolic Preaching. I will have to give up on a few very nice benefits of going on staff, but I have longed for a season of study and prayer since the day I gave my life to Christ. I am not sure I will ever have another chance in my life to focus on prayer and study the way I will going to FSM. I have the opportunity to do the thing that will make me the happiest, and I feel I must take it. This means I need more money for tuition, meals, and no promotion. The seemingly wise choice (maybe in the world's eyes) may point toward staff, but God is telling me He will bless me in either choice so I am choosing what will make my heart come alive the most. So I choose HIM!!!!!!

A Word From Louisiana

Lately, the Lord is beginning to drive into me the importance of realizing that we must change the way we think if we want success in Christ. Though God sees the deep desire of His people to want to get closer to Him and to be successful in Him, most of us do not take the time to Think about" what we think about. We simply just allow any thought to drop into our head and ponder on it, no matter the nature of the thought. But Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 10:4-5

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ (KJV)

Our mind is a huge, fertile garden. It will allow us to plant anything that we desire into it. Some seeds that we plant produce good, fruitful crop, but other seeds that we plant produce all kinds of poisonous crop that bring ruin to us. When we first begin to entertain thoughts of lust, jealousy, envy, selfish ambition, and others, it seems that there is no harm in just having a few negative thoughts. But, the Lord knows that those thoughts build on each other, and actions begin to take root in our hearts. And of course, the true desires lying within the heart will be exposed by our actions. Besides our thoughts about others, We also allow the devil to deceive us on how we view ourselves in Christ. For some of you, Satan probably uses your past to make you feel unworthy. For others, he may make you think that your appearance, your personality, your abilities, your weaknesses are all roadblocks to you accomplishing God's purpose in your life. But, we must remember that if we allow ourselves to believe those thoughts instead of fighting against them through the promises of the Word of God, then we will live out all of the negative thoughts that we have of ourselves. If a person always views themselves as dirty, unworthy, or incapable then that person's actions will reflect the constant negative thoughts that pass through their mind.

So, the Lord wants us to step up. He wants to drive deeper into His word and begin to learn what He thinks about us. We must remember that when we said "YES" to Jesus, that His Spirit entered into us. So, because His Spirit is in us, then all of the thoughts that God thinks of us, all of the power for our success is in us, and all of the strength that we have is in us. But, we must activate it. We cannot think that God will hit us with a baton, and all of a sudden, our mind will be pure, and we will be able to go fulfill all that the Lord has called us to do. Satan knows that many Christians believe that lie, and so He hits us with extremely negative thoughts, because most of us don't realize that we have to fight, through prayer, to keep our minds thinking on things of the Spirit. We must speak truths of the Word to ourselves and make our minds turn back to thinking on the goodness of God, the good traits that He has given us, and the supernatural power that He has given us through His Spirit, so that we can be more than conquerors in achieving his purposes.

Teaching

I have really been stirred over a certain topic this month. The Lord has really been speaking to me through books and through different men on the same subject. Messages on HOLINESS have been coming from every direction. It is always interesting when God is driving this point home. Everything God does He does for a reason. When He is presenting the message of Holiness to me, that always means He is wanting a higher level of consecration in my personal life. It means there are some areas in my life that the Holy Spirit wants control of. Yes there are two options of response, but there is only one response for a true Christian whose primary desire is to be pleasing before his Father. There is only one response for a man who wants to show Christ that he loves Him by obeying His commands (John 14:23). I love that uncomfortable feeling it creates on the inside of me, because it means the flesh must die; and the Father is giving me a chance to go to a higher level of obedience, i.e. Holiness. So that is what it means in my personal life. However, when God continues to bring the subject before me over and over even while I am obeying and submitting to the Holy Spirit's leadership, it means He wants me to teach/preach on the subject. It is always interesting when this happens. I am always shocked at the response by most Christ-loving people on the subject of Holiness. It is such a hot/taboo topic to talk about amongst people. I believe there are several reasons behind this that we cannot get into (there is not enough space in ten newsletters to discuss the many different reasons Christians have a problem with the subject of Holiness), but today we will talk about the importance, even the demand for personal holiness in the lives of Christians. I understand this is a very sensitive subject, but it must be addressed. Holiness is obviously called for by Jesus Christ himself and is called for in several of the Epistles. So before we get too far into the discussion, I want to mention a

few Scriptures that one may want to look at and maybe even meditate on while reading or after reading this section of the newsletter. I never want to talk about a subject that causes some extreme discomfort without referring to specific Bible verses. The most obvious verse for this discussion is in Hebrews. Hebrews 12:14 says, "Holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." Another Scripture is in Gospel of Matthew from the Lord Himself. Matthew 5:48 says, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect." Also 1 John 3:9a says, "Whoever is born of God does not commit sin." I don't care how many degrees you have or how many excuses you can come up with, you can't get around these verses and stay within the context of TRUTH. The red letters in your Bible are not suggestions if you feel like it. The Words spoken by every Christian's Lord and Master are commands. Now two more things I want to mention. One is where you find in the Bible the description of a Holy life. The first place to look is in the greatest sermon ever preached, the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5-7). Once again the Sermon on the Mount is not a suggestion for all those wanting to be Apostles. It is requirements for all who wish to follow Christ. You will also find requirements for a Holy life at the end of most of the Epistles (the end of Gal. and Eph. and Col. and all throughout James, both Peters, 1 John and Jude just to mention a few). The other thing to talk about is the ability we have to live a Holy life (the fullness of God, the Holy Spirit, living inside us and God's Grace or empowerment to overcome that has been promised to us). Jude 24 says, "Now unto Him that is ABLE to present you faultless before the presence of His Glory with exceeding joy;" 1 John 5:3 also says. "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments ARE NOT BURDENSOME." A Holy life is required, and IT IS POSSIBLE for every Christian!



Future Events

Dec. 28th – Dec. 31st

Something Young Adult Conference

at IHOP in Kansas City

The CALL (part of the something)

From Noon to midnight on

New Year's Eve

Dec. 5th

Miranda is coming home from

South Africa

Dec. 19th – Dec. 27th

Bobby Taylor is coming home to

Louisiana for Christmas!!!!!!!!!!

Looking Forward

Wow! It is hard to believe that part two of the internship is almost over! The last five months have been amazing. I can only pray that the next months of being in God's presence goes as wonderful. I am such a blessed man to be able to do what I do. The reason I am able to do it is God moving through all of you and your generosity. I am so very thankful for what all of you have contributed. I still have a little ways to go before I have enough monthly support for 2008. I found out last month that when I transfer my account to IHOP, they will require in taxes 1/5 of all money that comes in. Apparently a missionary is considered a self-employed person, and so they have to pay self-employment taxes. That makes the money I need increase by at least \$300-400 per month. That is a bummer, but I know God WILL provide. Some good news for me being a diabetic, I have found a hospital here in K.C. that will provide VERY cheap healthcare. That is a MAJOR blessing for a diabetic, so my financial need for health care has been kept to a minimum by God.

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